

1-1 By: Raymond, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2275
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 1, 2009;
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 8, 2009, reported
1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 8, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2275 By: Davis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to creating a task force to develop uniform standards for
1-11 subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties near the
1-12 international border and in economically distressed counties.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current law
1-15 regarding the regulation of subdivisions in the unincorporated
1-16 areas of counties near the international border and in economically
1-17 distressed counties should be reviewed to ensure that statutory
1-18 provisions are consistent and clearly achieve the goals of
1-19 promoting uniform subdivision standards in those counties and
1-20 enhancing the quality of living for the residents of those
1-21 subdivisions.

1-22 SECTION 2. (a) The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
1-23 Regulation is composed of 23 members appointed as follows:

1-24 (1) six members who are county officials or employees
1-25 responsible for regulating subdivisions under Subchapter B,
1-26 Chapter 232, Local Government Code, appointed by the executive
1-27 administrator of the Texas Water Development Board from each of the
1-28 following counties:

- 1-29 (A) El Paso;
- 1-30 (B) Webb;
- 1-31 (C) Starr;
- 1-32 (D) Hidalgo;
- 1-33 (E) Cameron; and
- 1-34 (F) Nueces;

1-35 (2) six members who are members of organizations that
1-36 represent the interests of colonia residents, appointed by the
1-37 executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community
1-38 Affairs;

1-39 (3) three members who are county officials or
1-40 employees responsible for regulating subdivisions under Subchapter
1-41 C, Chapter 232, Local Government Code, appointed by the executive
1-42 administrator of the Texas Water Development Board;

1-43 (4) one member who is a representative of the Texas
1-44 Water Development Board and is appointed by the executive
1-45 administrator of the board;

1-46 (5) one member who has legal expertise in subdivision
1-47 regulation appointed by the attorney general to represent the
1-48 interests of the state;

1-49 (6) one member who has expertise in matters affecting
1-50 colonias appointed by the secretary of state to represent the
1-51 interests of the state;

1-52 (7) three members who are appointed by the president
1-53 of the Texas Association of Builders to represent the interests of
1-54 builders and land developers;

1-55 (8) one member who is a representative of the Texas
1-56 Conference of Urban Counties appointed by the executive director of
1-57 that organization; and

1-58 (9) one member who is a representative of the County
1-59 Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas appointed by the
1-60 president of that association.

1-61 (b) The members of the Task Force on Uniform County
1-62 Subdivision Regulation appointed under Subsection (a) of this
1-63 section shall elect a presiding officer, a secretary, and any other

2-1 officers the board considers necessary.

2-2 (c) Appointments to the Task Force on Uniform County
2-3 Subdivision Regulation shall be made without regard to race, color,
2-4 disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the
2-5 appointees.

2-6 (d) A member of the task force who is a state or county
2-7 employee is not entitled to additional compensation for serving on
2-8 the task force, but is entitled to reimbursement for the member's
2-9 actual and necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task
2-10 force and performing other official duties authorized by the
2-11 presiding officer if the reimbursement is otherwise available to
2-12 the member as a state or county employee.

2-13 (e) The attorney general shall provide administrative
2-14 support to the task force, including necessary staff and meeting
2-15 facilities.

2-16 (f) The task force, through the attorney general, may accept
2-17 gifts and grants from individuals, private or public organizations,
2-18 or federal or local funds to support the task force.

2-19 (g) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
2-20 task force.

2-21 SECTION 3. The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
2-22 Regulation shall:

2-23 (1) research and identify the conflicts and
2-24 deficiencies in current law regarding the regulation of the
2-25 development of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties
2-26 near the international border and in economically distressed
2-27 counties; and

2-28 (2) develop recommendations and draft a proposal for
2-29 legislation to create uniform standards for the regulation of the
2-30 development of subdivisions in the unincorporated areas of counties
2-31 near the international border and in economically distressed
2-32 counties.

2-33 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2010, the Task Force
2-34 on Uniform County Subdivision Regulation shall submit its findings,
2-35 recommendations, and proposal for legislation to the standing
2-36 committees of the senate and house of representatives having
2-37 primary jurisdiction over border regions or county affairs.

2-38 SECTION 5. The Task Force on Uniform County Subdivision
2-39 Regulation is abolished and this Act expires on September 2, 2011.

2-40 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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